

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

- Please add the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/IB2004/002135, entitled "IR-ITR-Based Process And Apparatus For Analyzing Very Small Amounts Of Sample In The Nanoliter Range", filed on June 23, 2004, which is a complete and foreign application of German patent application No. 10328998.4, filed June 27, 2003, and which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. --